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Other states, Canada will just dump on the Great Lakes state

Michigan the Great Lakes state? No. It's the great dumps state.

I can't believe that people are letting other states and Canada dump garbage in Michigan.

And they're going to want to dump toxic stuff too. That's a crock and something has to be done about it.

We're just going to be dumped on.

Mayor Thomas of two minds about shape of Westland's finances

The Mayor said the city isn't in that bad of financial shape.

Considering that when the recall started, he and his cronies said the city was in the best shape ever, just what is the truth?

Don't expect it out of the Mayor of Westland.

What does former Westland mayor have against recall group?

To the "mob" that recalled Cox and James: I'd have you any day to dinner.

Former Mayor Tom Taylor says the mayor and the council don't need a raise because they allowed the "mob" to ruin the city.

I'm glad there are going to be no raises, considering the financial state of the city, but to use that excuse is pathetic.

Could they have been stepping on someone's toes besides the council? Kudos to the mob.

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Romulus begins redistricting

Romulus Schools is beginning an elementary school redistricting for residents who live north of I-94. With the fall opening of the new Romulus Elementary School, a new area will be carved out with equal number of students attending Cory, Wick and the new elementary.

Superintendent Joel Carr encourages parents to attend Redistricting Committee Meetings. The next two will be held at Board of

Education offices on Thursday February 8, at 2 p.m. and Friday February 16, at 9:30 a.m.

The committee is composed of parents, building and central office administrators and Jeff Rahmberg of Plante Moran, Management Consultants. Rahmberg is an expert in school redistricting and recently performed a similar function for Wayne-Westland School District.

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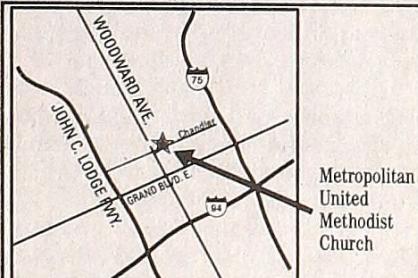
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Franklin students win essay contest

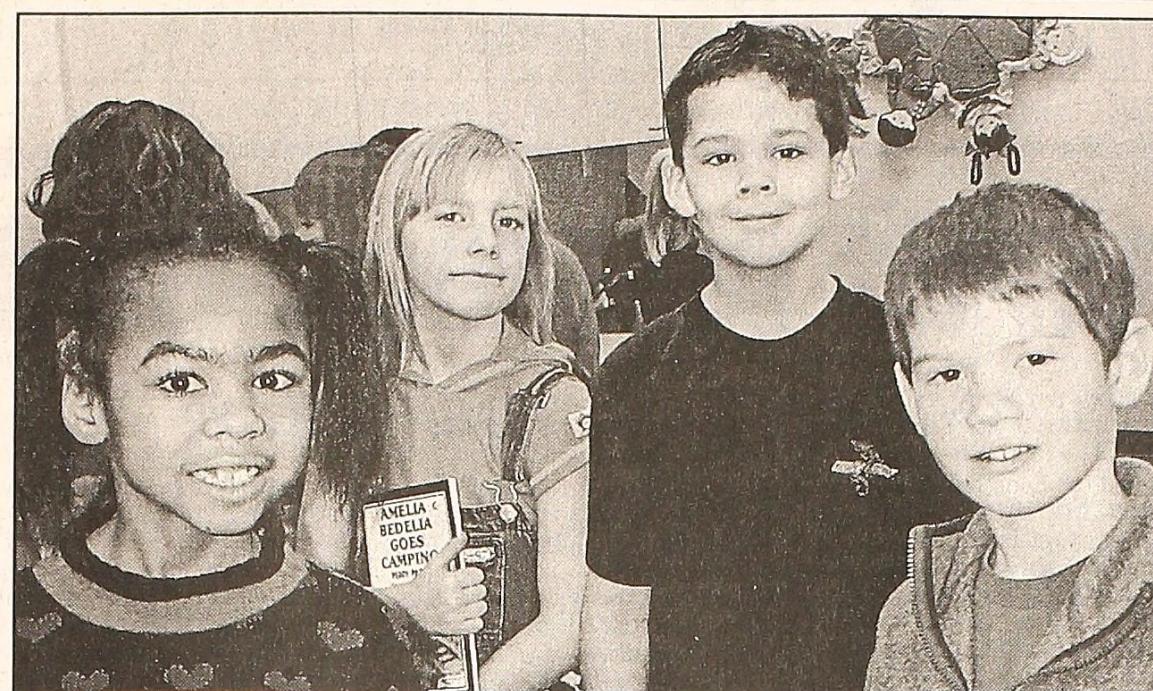
Three students from Franklin Middle School in the Wayne-Westland Community School District have been named local winners in the 32nd annual *American & Me* essay contest. The contest is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Contest officials announced that Chelsea LaBrie was awarded first place, while Jennifer Halaberda and Ryan Herbst were awarded second and third places, respectively. All three students were presented certificates for their achievement.

As the school's first-place winner, Chelsea will have her name displayed on a plaque at Franklin Middle School. Also, the first place essay will be submitted to the state level competitions, where the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 state finalists will be announced sometime in March and each of the 10 essay finalists will receive plaques, cash and U.S. Savings Bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

In addition, they will be honored at a banquet in Lansing where the finalists will have an opportunity to meet with the state's leaders in government. The students also will be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts Minor League baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A panel of judges that includes a top Michigan governmental official, judged the essays.



For the love of books

What would the world be like without the magic of the written word? Surely it would be a different. To encourage children to explore the world of words and books, the Wayne Civitan Club has been working with the local schools and library to promote reading by providing children with transportation to the public library. Civitan members sponsored a fifth class visit to the Wayne Public Library by third graders in the Wayne-Westland School District. Three classes from Schweitzer School visited the library on Feb. 1. The students toured the facility, visited the craft class and also received a free bookbag donated by the Civitans. To encourage reading, each child who visits the library twice more will receive a free meal donated by Old Country Buffet. For information about the club, call (734) 729-2579.

Vandenberg to receive R.I.F. books

Thanks to the Reading is Fundamental program, pupils in the kindergarten, second and fourth grades at Vandenberg Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland Community School District will be receiving books of their choice during the school year.

The program is funded, in part, by the Vandenberg PTO (Parents-

Teachers-Organization) and the school district.

The local contribution is matched by the R.I.F. program.

Teachers have an option of selecting the books of their choice in a wide range of categories, and this semester mysteries, science and social studies appear to be the most popular and are on the

top of the list.

Each of the students will be able to select their personal book and take it home at the end of the regular school year.

Vandenberg's principal is Karen Zokas. Readers who need more information about R.I.F. may contact her at 734-595-2650.

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Tia Nedd Foundation Marrow transplant donors are needed

Tia Nedd, a 13-year-old Inkster girl who lost her life in a freak accident on Middlebelt Road several years ago, remains alive in the work her foundation does for others who are seriously ill.

The Tia Nedd Organ Donor Foundation is sponsoring a bone marrow drive for Jonathan

Spencer, a 13-year-old honor student at Hally Middle School in Detroit.

Jonathan, a member of the Navy Sea Cadet Corps, has been diagnosed with leukemia and is a patient at Motts Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is in desperate need of a life-saving bone marrow trans-

plant.

The Tia Nedd Organ Donor Foundation is hosting a bone marrow drive at 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at the UAW Local 849 Union Hall, 484 Chidester in Ypsilanti.

The UAW Local 849 and the Visteon Ypsilanti Plant are the co-

hosts for the project.

According to the American Red Cross, blood and bone marrow supplies are at dangerously low levels. Nationally, the need for minority bone marrow is at its highest especially among African-Americans.

Inkster parents' group, Optimist seek volunteers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster Parents in Education have joined forces with the Inkster Optimist Club and Inkster Weed & Seed to stage a National African Parent Involvement Day.

The day set aside for the program is Feb. 12, and the three active Inkster groups are seeking community-minded residents to participate.

In celebration of the National African American Parent Involvement Day, parents and volunteers

are needed to visit the school of their choice and read a book or provide storytelling to the students, stressed Inkster Board of Education member Jacqueline Sledge.

"We are encouraging each and everyone, especially parents, to help us in this worthy project," Sledge added.

The reading sessions will begin at 9 a.m. Sessions will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes for each class. A volunteer will have the option of reading to one or more

classes.

All volunteers will be honored during the month of March in observance of Parenting Awareness Month.

The following schools will be participating in the "Reading is Fun" damental Program.

Baylor Woodson Complex, 28865 Carlyle Ave.; Blanchette Middle School, 29193 Beech Street; Cherry Hill Academy, 28500 Avondale Street; Inkster High School, 3250 Middlebelt Road; Meek Milton Primary

School, 1771 Henry Ruff Road; King Academy, 1615 Henry Ruff Road; and Thomas Gist, 28955 Rosewood Street.

The Inkster High School Parent Association will host a special program in honor of NAAPID at 6 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Musical Melodies will be provided by the Inkster High School Choir.

Organizers also note that the program is sponsored by the Inkster Weed & Seed.

School to host safari

Baylor-Woodson Elementary School kindergartners in the Inkster Community School District will host a Kenya Safari Family Night beginning at 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8.

The school is located at 28865 Carlyle Avenue.

Families will be able to travel on an interesting safari where they will be such sites as - Monkey's Branch, Elephant Grasslands, Giraffe's Hut and a Lion's Den.

While getting their passports stamped, visitors also can taste tropical treats, play safari games,

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The Millennium Charity Ball, sponsored by the Michigan Metro Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. was one of several outstanding social events that was staged during the recent holiday season. The event was held at the New Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Inkster Councilwoman DeArtiss Richardson (center) and Fundraising Chairpersons, and Charity Ball coordinators Norena Knox (left) and Norma McDaniel (right) were instrumental in making the program a success. Proceeds from the ball are donated to local charities.

Tech Center's new wing to be dedicated

Wayne-Westland Community School District and Career Tech Center officials announced this week that the newly-constructed wing at the Tech Center will be dedicated during a special ceremony on Feb. 14.

School officials also announced that they will also host a workshop entitled: 2001: A Career Odyssey workshop at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center.

The dedication ceremony and Open House will begin at 6 p.m. The program will be conducted at the Career Technical Center, located at 36455 Marquette.

Those who attend the The Open House will have an opportunity to get a glimpse at the center's 20 technical training programs, along with viewing some of the student projects.

New high tech equipment as well as the new 30,000 square foot laboratory also will be on display. They will also be able to view the addition to the auditorium.

Career Tech officials stress that there also will be technical

demonstrations, tours, and cooking/baking demonstrations.

The Center offers a wide range of programs: Accounting/Computing, Automated Manufacturing/Machining (CAM), Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Child Care, Computer Aided Design/Drafting (CAD), Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Data Processing, Desktop Publishing, Electronics Technology, Graphic Design, Health Occupations, Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration, Media Production, Medical Assisting, Office/Word Processing, Printing Technology and Welding Technology.

According to a recent U.S. Labor Department survey, "there is a serious shortage of technical workers in America."

In celebration of National Vocational Education Week, there will be a National Vocational Technical Honor Society induction of all students who qualify. The ceremony will be staged in the new state-of-the-art auditorium.

Adams to host spelling bee contest

Sticking with tradition, Wayne-Westland school officials this week announced that Adams Middle School will once again host the annual Earle Chorbagian Spelling Bee.

The popular program will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Feb. 15 in the school library.

Each school in the school district, joined by a representative from the St. Mary's Catholic School in Wayne, is invited to send one student to compete for the district spelling bee championship. District winners are qualified to compete for regional and state honors.

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Wayne moves 2 victories closer in showdown with Edsel

Webber's double event winner in triumph over Trenton

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With impressive victories last week over Trenton and Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Wayne Memorial moved closer to an all-important rematch with Edsel Ford.

Edsel is the only team to defeat coach Mike Gruber's swimmers in the Mega-White Division this season. The two divisional powers

will clash later this month at Trenton High to decide the 2001 championship.

"Our kids have come back from their one setback and are focused on their goal," Gruber stressed. "We will need to finish ahead of them (Edsel Ford) at the conference meet if we are to salvage a share of the title."

Wayne's Chris Webber accounted for two of the team's 11 first

places against Trenton. He also competed on the winning 200-medley and 400-freestyle relay teams.

Webber won the 100-meter freestyle with a 54.47 performance. He also stashed the 100-meter backstroke event into the Wayne win column after covering the distance in 1:01.83.

Webber teamed up with Josh Raub, Greg Sarkozi and Kyle Scott

to win the 200-medley relay in 1:53.95.

Matt Feamster gave the Zebras the 200-meter freestyle when he touched in at 2:07.24, and Feamster's teammate, Scott, led the field in the 200-meter individual medley. His time was 2:18.78. Sarkozi came back to chalk up the 50-meter freestyle thanks to a 24.78 effort, and Shayne McDonald's 128.7 points topped the field

of divers.

In the 500-meter freestyle, Jerey Bowling emerged as the winner. He was clocked in 5:46.74.

Gruber put together a 200-meter freestyle relay team made up of Scott, Feamster, Sarkozi and Andrew Drennen that responded with the winning time of 1:38.16.

Raub wrapped up the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:09.6, while Scott, Drennen, Webber and Brad

Chaisson was the winning combination for the 400-meter freestyle relay. Their time was 3:47.03.

Gruber and the Zebras will return to the swimming pool this afternoon (Thursday) at Taylor Truman for their next Mega-White Division meet.

The Mega-White Divisional Championship will be decided on Feb. 22-23 at Trenton High School.

Canton crushes Franklin on the mats

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton grapplers continued to gain momentum in their bid for the Western Lakes Conference title as coach John Demick's Chiefs crushed Livonia Franklin, 61-11, for their sixth victory in seven conference starts.

"It was a little hard for us to get up for this match knowing that we would have it easily in hand," Demick said after the match. "Franklin is a nice team working on getting established."

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John Demick

Canton's Doy Demick (125), Scott McKee (171), and Phil Rothwell (215) chalked up easy victories over their opponents.

Canton's 189-pounder showed tremendous skill in his bout. Although he was not able to pin his opponent, Miller remained focused all six minutes and wrestled a good technical match, according to coach Demick.

"It was especially good to see things coming together for him," the Canton coach added.

Canton entered the week with an impressive 13-4 overall dual record. The Chiefs are presently 4-1 in the Western Division and 6-1 in the conference. During the course of the year, Canton also has won five tournaments.

WYAA signs up for baseball season

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland Youth Athletic Association officials announced this week that they will be accepting applications for the 2001 baseball and softball season beginning Feb. 17.

Players ages 4 to 16 are invited to register for baseball, and softball players, ages 8 to 18, should sign up at the Lange Compound Building on Wednesday and Saturday.

Registration will be accepted from prospective baseball and softball players beginning at 7 to

9 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Registration will be ongoing on the designated two days until April 14.

For more information please call 734-421-0640 or visit the WYAA's website at www.wyaa.org.

WYAA loses a 'close friend'

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The sports community as a whole and the Westland Youth Athletic Association specifically has lost a good friend.

Bill Lange, who helped WYAA

organize its athletic programs and offered his building for registration, has died at his home in Florida.

"He loved sports and children," said WYAA publicist Keith DeMolay. "There wasn't anything that we would ask of him that he

wouldn't do for us.

"Sports and the children of our community have truly lost a great friend," DeMolay added.

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Opinion

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

EDS's apparent victory means Romulus should talk settlement

I've been around public issues longer than I would like to admit, but quite frankly, I have never encountered an issue like the EDS deepwell, that has caused so much public division for such a long period of time.

The deepwell concept was first introduced to Romulus back in 1990, and to this day citizens, politicians and EDS officials continue to battle its merits. After 10 long years the scorecard still reads City 0, EDS 0, with lawyers earning \$1,000,000's.

Unfortunately, for friends and foes, alike, this project wasn't something that EDS could pick-up and move. Resistance to it did not surface until EDS had spent nearly \$2,000,000 and completed the mile-long drilling.

One well has been drilled, but an injunction has stopped its usage. A second well now appears ready to be drilled and put to use, barring any eleventh hour argument that might change the minds of MDEQ officials that have already given the green light to EDS to build.

Gracins slapped by Cox, Griffin

Former Westland city council members David Cox and Trav Griffin have filed a "defamation" lawsuit against Brenda and Mario Gracin. The plaintiffs are alleging they were defamed when accused of violating the Open Meetings Act (a misdemeanor).

The Gracins were leaders in the recall movement that resulted in removing four members of the council (two by resignation and two by defeat in the recall election).

The lawsuit seems to fit the description of "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation" (SLAPP), a term coined to describe lawsuits intended to intimidate and silence public-spirited activists from participating in political debate and silence others who might otherwise criticize government.

The University of Denver's Political Litigation Project has studied the phenomenon for 10 years. A 1996 book, "SLAPPs, Getting sued for speaking out" by George

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Romak wrong about deep well

To the editor:

It has been an honor and privilege to have served you as a Romulus Constable and as a uniformed police officer from 1955 to 1961, a Romulus Trustee from 1961 to 1970, and as a Romulus city councilman from 1970 to 1973, 1975 to 1985 and from 1987 to 1997, when I retired. In addition, I have served as a member of the Romulus Planning Commission.

My responsibilities were to all of the citizens, not just a few noisy protesters. One of my responsibilities as your councilman was to protect your health, safety and welfare. Many of you may remember that in the past I fought hard against dumps, landfills and other suspected polluters where there was just cause.

I have lived in Romulus for over 50 years and have raised my family here. This is our home and we have many, many friends here.

Lately, I have been watching the carrying-ons over EDS' injection well by Councilperson Debbie Romak, and am shocked and saddened.

Romak says she has been fighting against the injection well since the beginning. This is nonsense. She is doing her absolute best to mislead the good citizens of our community and representatives of the media, most of whom may not remember the past. I ask you to think back:

Where was Romak when The Romulus News reported on (October 31, 1990, "Deep Well Disposal of Toxic Waste May Come To Romulus"?

Why wasn't Romak at the Romulus City Council meeting on December 10, 1990, when Mayor McAnally welcomed EDS into Romulus and the Council approved the project?

Opponents have put up a valiant fight, but it appears they have lost. It is time for the City and those opponents to come to the negotiating table and try to carve out the best deal possible for the City. Early on, EDS was willing to pay 5% royalties, then later promised \$500,000 a year. This type of money could go a long way to curing any city financial woes.

The State with its long laborious approval process has proven the injection well process is safe. These types of wells have operated since the 1950's all over this country and Canada, without any major incidents. In my mind dumping wastewater a mile below our surface is hundred times safer than treating it and putting it back into our lakes and rivers or simply dumping it in a landfill.

Speaking of landfills — we are unfortunate to see and smell these unsightly mountains of trash every way we look in western Wayne County. The monuments to overconsumption are the highest points in Canton and Van Buren. EDS, in my opinion, has a better

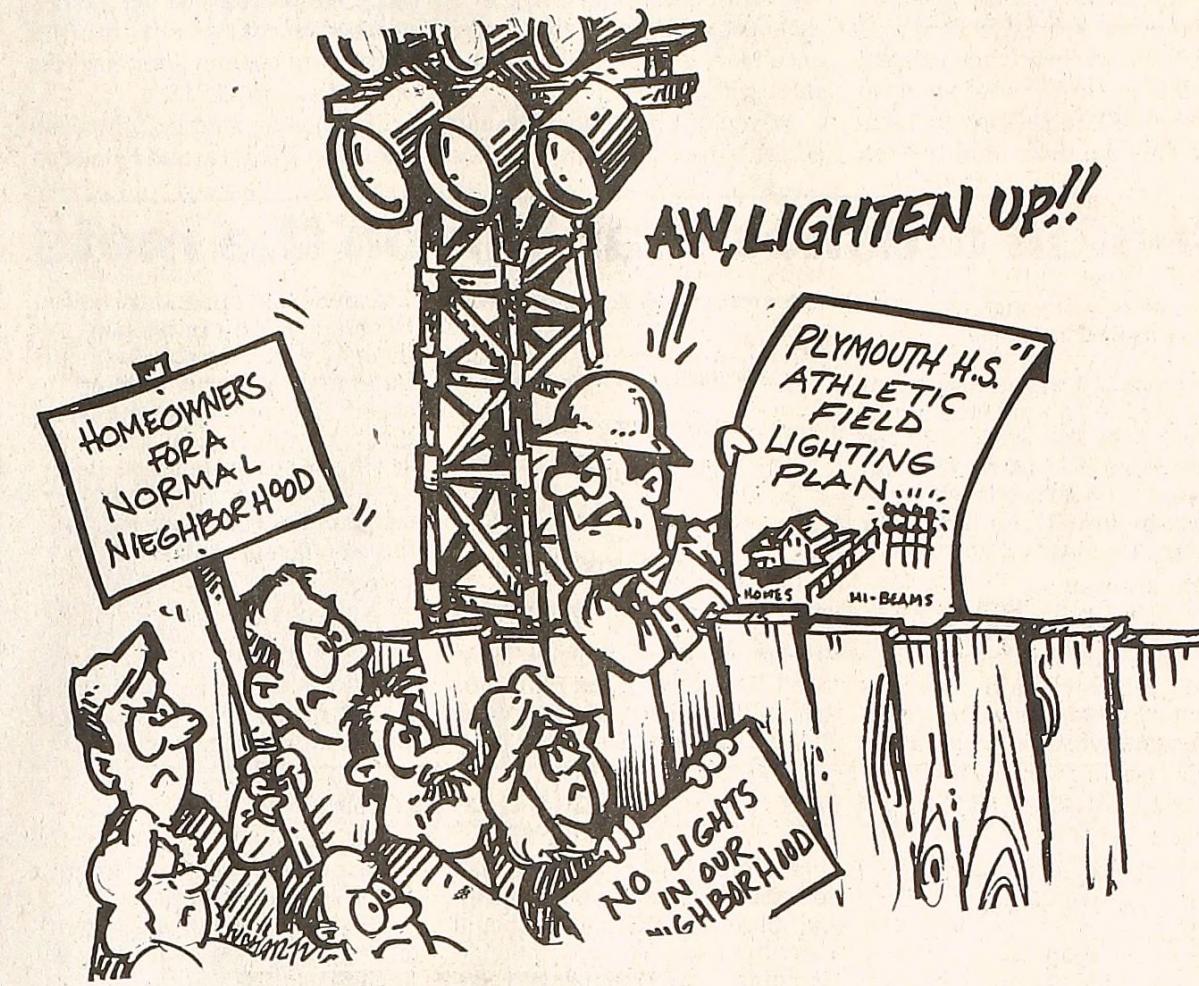
Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox

idea by sending it deep into the ground.

I've never really understood why those landfills haven't met the same kind of resistance as EDS. I don't understand, either, why our government officials didn't eke out a royalty agreement like the one EDS proposes.

Clearly dealing with trash and hazardous wastes has been one of America's major problems for the past fifty years. We as people produce it, but none us, want to get rid of it near our homes and schools.

Well, whether we like it or not, government has told us EDS has every right to build their deepwell, here. It's time to embrace the project, and get a share of the profits so that Romulus will have money to build a better future.



and vindictiveness (aside from the SLAPP implications).

The other two council members targeted for recall had voted to approve the firing of the City Clerk (implying approval of the prior action).

SLAPP lawsuits are rarely successful in collecting awards for the plaintiffs, but then that is not the main purpose in the first place. Defendants are put through an emotional wringer and often at exorbitant expense for lawyer fees.

However, occasionally justice prevails. Recently Tim O'Brien, State Director of the Libertarian Party, was sued by the (former) mayor of Allen Park. O'Brien not only won the case but also received a court-ordered personal check from the mayor for his costs incurred in defending the lawsuit.

Cox and Griffin should drop their lawsuit or be remembered as vindictive politicians against public participation in government.

Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

Pring and Penelope Canan provides a long list of constitutionally protected activities for which private citizens have been sued by current and former government officials.

The Gracins say they never accused anyone of breaking the law. The tenor of the recall campaign was that Cox and Griffin had suspended and humiliated the City Clerk before getting council approval to fire her. That act was characterized as vindictive retribution against a whistleblower who had accused them of violating election laws. Certainly the filing of the lawsuit seems to validate the perception that Cox and Griffin are capable of pettiness

Bush disses 'scared' GOP

Ivan Helfman

I love it when President Bush forgets that he's talking into a live microphone.

During the presidential campaign, he described an unfriendly New York Times hack with a cuss word. Supposedly Bush's approval ratings shot up after he cursed.

Last week, he called the yellow-spined Republicans who back away from educational reform as "scared to death" of the public schools' special interest groups.

I hope that the latest comment sinks the scared Republican's approval ratings until they wake up.

Unless that happens, Michigan students could be cheated out of any educational reform. And Bush voters will have been cheated out of their votes.

Yeah, I know that Bush lost Michigan big time. The majority of state voters weren't buying into Bush's platform, but voters have elected a Republican governor, senate, and house.

And it can't be denied that Bush's main domestic issue was educational reform. Like many a politician, he seeks to teach students to read by the third grade.

"Reading is a civil right," he says.

But unlike most politicians, he strives to do more than pay lip service to the goal. He seeks to accomplish it by holding schools responsible for reaching it.

But it's no longer a simple matter to hold public schools accountable in Michigan. Their political machine seems too intimidating for timid state Republicans to battle. That's a shame, because Wisconsin Republicans had the courage and leadership abilities to reform education so students actually have an opportunity to

learn more. As a result, thriving urban and private schools in Milwaukee attract students. Test scores are on the rise. Parents are happy.

Milwaukee made progress with vouchers, the topic of the remarks he accidentally spoke into a live microphone while talking to leaders of Roman Catholic charities.

According to a Washington Post article, he said that the debate over giving parents federal aid to transfer pupils from failing schools to private ones is a "problem politically," and that the proposed reform is being doomed by Republicans in wealthy suburbs who are "scared to death" of offending public school supporters.

Bush predicted that he will win the battle with word games. He will substitute the harmless phrase "opportunity scholarships" for the turnoff word "vouchers."

"It's like the abortion issue," Bush reportedly said. "There is a built-in prejudice against a particular position on both sides of both issues. And the language of the issues, you know, is never 'for' life. It's always 'anti,' you know. Somebody's right. And same in education. And those of us who agree on these issues must figure out better ways to position it from a PR per-

spective." Whether he wins or not nationally, accountable schools are not in the cards in Michigan as long as local Republicans, are running scared.

Because of their timidity, I call the local brand of GOP politicians "Ritalin Republicans."

I call them this because under their guidance, a large proportion of Michigan students are drugged with Ritalin, which acts like a mild form of cocaine, for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The disorder is medicated for a mild and perfectly amiable form of goofiness," according to Auberon Waugh, the late great British journalist.

Besides abandoning a generation to dubious legal drugs fed in warehouse-like schools, these Ritalin Republicans continue the same old progressive education programs that leave plenty of math, science, and engineering slots in the state's better universities for foreign and private school students not hampered by Ritalin Republicans' education policies.

But why be pessimistic? President Bush, a persuasive politician, thinks he carry the day for educational reform with the right "PR perspective." With his impressive record in Texas, he deserves time to try.

Calling out the "scared to death" suburban Republicans was a good start for the president. They deserve at least a year to stop moving around seats on their educational Titanic. If not, it's time for Bush to start cussing again.

Romulus praised

To the editor:

This letter is to thank all the people of Romulus who helped when my father Theodore Romak's house burned on January 10, 2001.

It's in your time of need that you realize just how much people going the extra mile can really make a difference.

Even though, my father's home (our family home for over 50 years) was destroyed, just having the people involved care so much made all the difference in the world.

Our whole family realized during this experience just why we live in a small town. People know your name and they know how to care for each other. That's just something you just don't experience often enough in this hi-tech modern world of ours.

Thanks,
Theodore Romak and family

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Your Friend and Neighbor,
Jimmie C. Raspberry

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Gracins defended

To the editor:

Yet another lawsuit filed against the Gracins, this time by two former city council members. I would like to make it known that an account has been set up to accept donations for the cost of doing legal battle.

My wife and I have accepted the positions of trustees to the account to monitor the balance and pay the attorney's fees. This will allow the Gracins to stay focused on the issues at hand with their attorney as well as backing by the A.C.L.U.

We will also ensure that there can be no questions raised as to the use of these funds because it will require our signature for anything to be drawn from this account. If a balance remains in the account after all obligations are met, it will be donated to a charity yet to be determined.

If you would like to help defray these costs, please send any donations made payable to: Mario and Brenda Gracin Defense Fund in C/O JoAnne Manthey 32132 Avondale, Westland Mi. 48186-4904.

Thank you, and God Bless America,
Al Manthey

Cyber porn worse than Sodom

To the editor:

Cyber porn has reached perverted levels beyond all imagination. Worse than Sodom and Gomorrah could ever have been. Children can see tons of free samples by just answering yes to, "Are you 18?" on the screen.

It's like putting beer machines on every street corner. No one to check I.D.'s. No one to enforce the law. Just a sign that says you must be 18 to buy. It's crazy.

Internet providers are guilty of gross negligence. At the very least they are violating anti-display laws. Parents should try to sue the providers under the Vic-

tims of Pornography act passed by Congress a few years ago. It was law suits that brought the tobacco industry to its knees. Football games can be blacked out in different cities. Why couldn't the Internet be blocked out so not to transgress the different community standards of porn?

The issue is not individual rights. But it is the rights of the communities to prevent the breeding of Ted Bundy's that will walk their streets and stalk innocent victims and pollute their tranquil environment.

We have the drug and alcohol agency. Why can't we have a

communications decency agency? The states could create an elected office of Obscenity Judge. Being elected his mandate would be the community standards of porn for that State. He could be given powers to issue orders, levy fines, etc.... Should Congress re-write the First Amendment in simple third-grade English so that even a Supreme Court Judge could interpret it?

Pull out of the stock market decent folks. America is due for a wake-up call.

C. Gregory Dukes

Free Press misquoted Wicklund

To the editor:

I have learned that them was a discussion of a quote that was attributed to me in a Free Press article about the City Council meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2001. I was as outraged as you when I read that quotation. It does not accurately express the words I said to Mr. Warikoo, or the spirit of what I meant.

My actual comment to him is included in a letter, which I wrote to express my displeasure that he would take my words out of context on such a sensitive matter. The City Council and I obviously

have our differences concerning the Citrin Drive deep well project, but I would never disparage the good citizens of Romulus or insult their intelligence to advance my cause.

It was reckless and irresponsible of Mr. Warikoo to only print part of what I said to him, especially since he had to know that the words he chose to extract from my full statement would likely create a needless bone of contention between EDS and our opponents. I have told him as much, and wanted you to know this.

The public relies on the media

to report the news fairly, accurately and with balance, not to make it up or manufacture it. It is unfortunate for all of us when, through oversight, ignorance or intention, members of the news media get the story wrong because it is virtually impossible to undo the tremendous harm that results from their unethical reporting.

I deeply regret any hurt or ill will that resulted from the inaccuracies in Mr. Warikoo's article.

Sincerely,
Douglas F. Wicklund
President

OBITUARIES

ACUFF, JAMES A., 68 of Canton, born the second of four, in New London, Missouri, to Donald and Margaret Acuff, passed away December 26. He fought in the Korean War, attended Barber School, and worked for GM for about 20 years. He leaves behind to mourn his ex-wife Marion; children Stephanie, James Jr., and Jackie; two sisters; four grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie David officiating, cremation rites were accorded.

ALEXANDER, CALVIN, 59 of Inkster, the youngest of eight born in Port Gibson, Mississippi, to Booker T. and Ruby Alexander passed away January 7. He leaves behind to mourn his passing his wife of 15 years Cherise; children Tonia and Lisa Alexander; six step-children; two brothers; three sisters; grandchildren Andrew Jr., Andrea, Antoinette and Jakea; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Pentecostal Temple COGIC with interment at Westlawn Cemetery West, Ypsilanti Twp., MI.

BACON, NICHOLAS REID, 16 of Garden City passed away January 22. Loving son of James and Debra. Dear brother of Mathew. Beloved grandson of Paul and Betty Bacon; Lorna (Holden) Marshall. He is also survived by sixteen aunts and uncles; and twenty-two cousins. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

BARBER, GLADYS MAE 67 of Inkster born in Jackson, Miss., to David and Mary Robinson passed away December 14. She is survived by her devoted daughter Maxine Harris; grandchildren; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with cremation rite accorded.

BELL, MARIE, 61 of Romulus, born in Detroit to Oliver and Melissa Bell, passed away January 4. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her son Cornelius, seven brothers, four sisters, family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Terrell Jackson officiating, interment followed at Detroit Memorial Park West, Redford.

CALLAHAN, MARIE, 78 of Madison Heights passed away January 10. Dear wife of the late Floyd Callahan. Loving mother of Gwenda (Irvin) Herron, Bobby (Joyce) Powell, and Anita (Gary) Townsend. Dear sister of Lester Buchanan.

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Complex located at 2025 Middlebelt, in said City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan, a Public Hearing will be held on the following: To consider submitting a Parks and Recreation Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Kimberly Turner
City ClerkPublish: February 8, 2001
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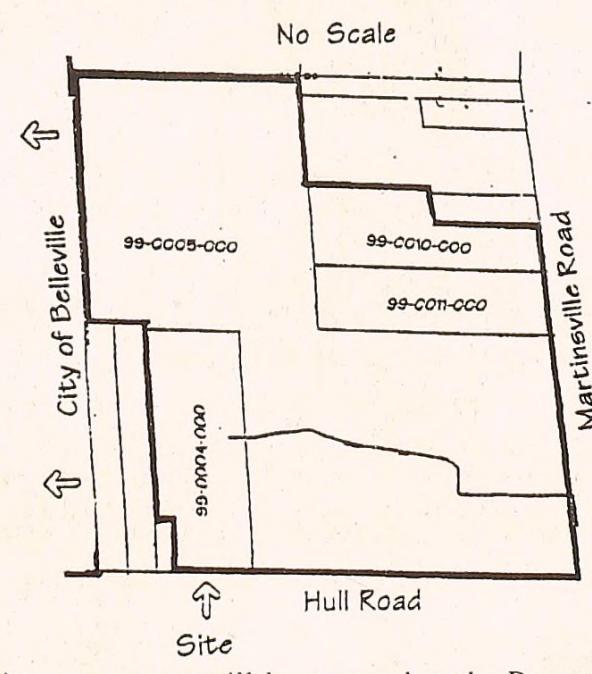
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111, on Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels V-125-83-108-99-0004-000, V-125-83-108-99-0005-000, V-125-83-108-99-0010-000, V-125-83-108-99-0011-000 from AG, Agricultural Estate, to R-1B, Single Family Residential. The property is located on the northwest corner of Martinsville and Hull Roads.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Publish: January 25, 2001
February 8, 2001

Heart goes out to Posts

To the editor:

On December 26, 2000, the citizens of Romulus lost a dear friend and a dedicated newsman in Mr. Alfred C. Post. Al worked as the reporter for the Michigan Community Newspapers Romulus Roman whose beat was the City of Romulus.

During the past thirteen years, I considered Al an excellent news reporter and a friend. I didn't always agree with Al, but I felt he reported and wrote the news in a fair and truthful manner. I observed Al, not only at Council meetings but throughout the City of Romulus covering any and all news stories that concerned the citizens.

Al was always there with his pen and paper and camera. Whenever I needed the Romulus Roman to express my concerns or causes, whether political or personal, all I had to do was call Al and he would show up, with his pen and paper and camera.

In closing, my heart goes out to Al Post's wife, children, family and friends. We all know he is in heaven reporting the news for a higher power and is looking down at the City of Romulus.

Sincerely
William Wadsworth,
Councilman
City of Romulus, Michigan

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2001-04 JANUARY 29, 2001

Special meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 29, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at The Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowski, McEachern, Haidous, Powser, Shackelford. Member absent: Lentine, excused. Discussion regarding FY 2001-2002 goals with the City Manager and Department Heads. The meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m., reconvened at 9:07 p.m., recessed at 10:43 p.m., reconvened at 10:53 p.m. and adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: February 8, 2001

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 16, 2001, the City Council of the City of Wayne, following a duly noticed public hearing, determined to submit the following projects for funding pursuant to the 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

PROJECTS

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
City-wide	Emergency/Senior Services	\$ 16,000.
City-wide	Neighborhood Home Revitalization	\$ 91,000.
Administration		\$ 15,900.
Kiwanis Park	New Shelter, landscaping and equipment	\$ 20,000.
City-wide	Community Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 16,100.
TOTAL		\$159,000.

Further information is available by contacting Peter J. McInerney, Community Development Director, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 or by calling (734) 722-2002.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

1. Barton Malow Company, requests bids on behalf of Romulus Community Schools for the construction of the Romulus High School Pool Addition and Interior Remodeling for Bid Package No. 5 work. Bid proposals will be received by Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174, delivery or mail, to the attention of Mr. William Routhier by 2:00 p.m. local time on February 22, 2001.

2. Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the Project Manual dated January 26, 2001 by the Barton Malow Company and contract and construction documents prepared by the Architect dated January 5, 2001, January 16, 2001 and January 25, 2001 for:

BID PACKAGE NO. 5 - ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL POOL ADDITION AND INTERIOR REMODELING

- 02070 Selective Demolition
- 02200 Site Work and Utilities
- 03300 Concrete Foundations and Flat Work
- 04200 Unit Masonry
- 05100 Metals
- 06100 Carpentry
- 07500 Roofing and Sheet Metal
- 08500 Aluminum, Glass and Glazing
- 09250 Drywall and Acoustical
- 09310 Ceramic Tile
- 09650 Resilient Flooring and Carpet
- 09900 Painting and Wall Coverings
- 12300 Casework
- 12610 Fixed Auditorium Seating
- 13150 Swimming Pool Equipment
- 14400 Platform Lifts
- 15050 Mechanical
- 16050 Electrical

3. Accepted bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual. This project is subject to state sales tax and/or use tax.

4. Bidding documents can be obtained from Barton Malow Company at the Romulus Schools field office located at 9650 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, phone (734) 941-0869, fax: (734) 941-1278. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 per document set is required.

5. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held for all trades at Barton Malow Company's jobsite office located at 9650 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on February 7, 2001 at 3:30 p.m.

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 Ford Employee or eligible family member
 WAS \$38,135 NOW **\$29,940^{45*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$460^{68**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$395^{92**}**

2001 EXCURSION



Stk. #10566
LIMITED 4x2
 Chestnut clearcoat metallic, medium parchment leather, trip computer, illuminated running boards, aux. heater/air conditioning, third row seat, rear door controls, power driver's seat, electronic 4-speed automatic transmission, AM/FM stereo w/in-dash 6 CD player.
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 WAS \$39,250 NOW **\$30,933^{05*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$441^{38**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$375^{54**}**

2001 FOCUS SE



Stk. #11690
4 DOOR SE
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 WAS \$15,690 NOW **\$13,670^{85*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$278^{78**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$232^{74**}**

2001 TAURUS SE



Stk. #10780
4 DOOR SE
 Chestnut clearcoat metallic, medium parchment cloth bucket seats, 3.0L V6 24-cylinder engine, automatic overdrive transmission, front and rear floor mats, 5 passenger seating w/storage console, power driver seat, 60/40 split/fold rear seat, adjustable pedals.
 Ford Employee or eligible family member
 WAS \$20,345 NOW **\$16,408^{00*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$245^{62**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$200^{37**}**

2001 RANGER S.C.



Stk. #12505
SUPER CAB 4x2 XLT
 Oxford white clearcoat, dark graphite cloth interior, AM/FM stereo/clock/dual ME, chrome 7-spoke 15" wheels, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, power windows, power locks, remote keyless entry, air conditioning.
 Ford Employee or eligible family member
 WAS \$21,635 NOW **\$16,356^{35**}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$203^{97**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$139^{82**}**

2001 EXPLORER SPORT



Stk. #12510
2 DOOR SPORT 4x2
 Oxford white clearcoat, dark graphite cloth sport bucket seats, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed automatic overdrive transmission, step bar, front tow hooks, fog lamps, autolock/relock, remote keyless entry w/keypad, AM/FM stereo cass., w/single cd.
 Ford Employee or eligible family member
 WAS \$25,205 NOW **\$20,318^{80*}**

A-PLAN 24 Month LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$262^{82**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$199^{97**}**

2001 WINDSTAR LX



Stk. #11783
LX WAGON
 Silver frost clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth interior, 3.8L V8 EFI engine, 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission, aux. climate control, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, AM/FM stereo/disc/cass/clock, 15" aluminum wheels.
 Ford Employee or eligible family member
 WAS \$27,045 NOW **\$21,487^{85*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$298^{59**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$256^{31**}**

2001 F-150 SUPER CAB



Stk. #12035
SUPER CAB 4x4
 Arizona beige clearcoat, parchment 40/60 split bench, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/single CD, air conditioning, 5.4L V8 EFI V8 automatic overdrive, electronic shift, sliding rear window, skid plates, 17" cast aluminum wheels.
 Ford Employee or eligible family member
 WAS \$31,830 NOW **\$23,843^{35**}**

A-PLAN 24MO. LEASE RENEWAL **ZERO DOWN \$338^{54**}** **\$1500 DOWN \$273^{16**}**

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\$208/mo.**

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\$6,999*

or

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'96 Ranger Stock #12699A

\$6,995*

or

\$129/mo.**

'96 Taurus Stock #10898A

\$5,994*

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\$115/mo.**

'96 Grand Marquis Stock #11880A

\$7,630*

or

\$136/mo.**

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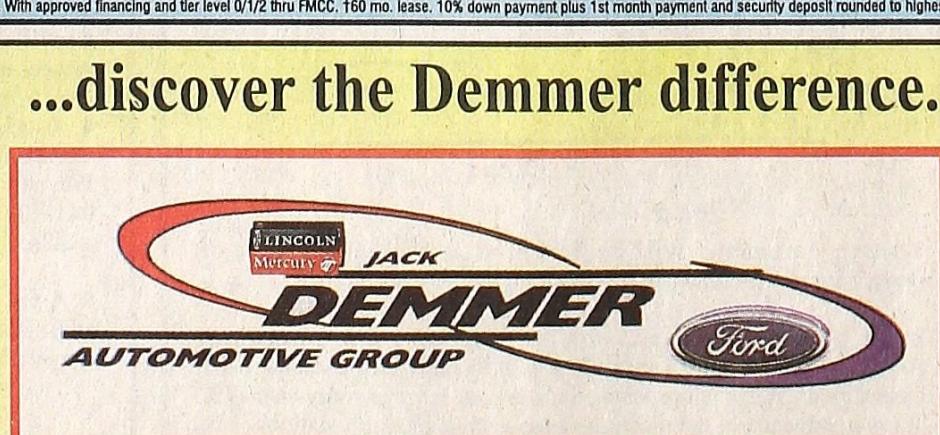
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2001 TAURUS SE	0 Down 1500 Down	\$429 \$1971
2001 WINDSTAR LX	0 Down 1500 Down	\$452 \$1997
2001 F-150 4X2 SUPERCAB	0 Down 1500 Down	\$387 \$1908
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 4 DOOR	0 Down 1500 Down	\$529 \$2053
2001 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR	0 Down 1500 Down	\$319 \$1840
2001 EXPEDITION XLT 4X4	0 Down 1500 Down	\$627 \$2149



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